



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

2-P March 29, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE TRANSFER OF PER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS OF
THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO THE CITY OF
LOS ANGELES FOR THE VIA DOLCE PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not to exceed \$205,000 in unspent Per Parcel Fund of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 to the City of Los Angeles for the development of a park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Via Dolce Park Development Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the records of the project.
2. Approve the transfer of Per Parcel Discretionary Funds in an amount not to exceed \$205,000, originally allocated to the City of Los Angeles under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1), pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Los Angeles for its Via Dolce Park Development Project.
3. Authorize the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the City of Los Angeles when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and

Excess Funds Projects.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the City of Los Angeles (City) to utilize an amount not to exceed \$205,000 in unspent Per Parcel Discretionary Funds, originally allocated to the City under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1), pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), for the City to fund its Via Dolce Park Development Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves the development of a park along Via Dolce near the corner of Dell Alley and Marquesas Way in the City's Venice neighborhood, including site preparation and construction inclusive of utility services and park amenities. The total project cost is estimated at \$305,000. The recommended Per Parcel Discretionary Funds will be supplemented by \$100,000 from the City's park development account.

It is also recommended that the Acting Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Acting Director), in his capacity as Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award a grant to the City when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Propositions, as well as grantee agreement with CEQA requirements for the projects. It is further recommended that the Acting Director be authorized to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board's approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by improving and enhancing healthy activities in the Third Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in an amount not to exceed \$205,000, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's (RPOSD) Assessment Project Fund (HB4).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition set forth deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the Proposition. Since deadlines have passed, the Board's approval is now required in order for the City to utilize the unspent funds identified herein on the proposed Project. In the event that the Board denies the City's request, the City may either request the Board's approval to fund a different project (s) with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The City is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of the development of a park along Via Dolce near the corner of Dell Alley and Marquesas Way in the City's Venice neighborhood, including site preparation and construction inclusive of utility services and park amenities, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303 (d)(e) and 15304(a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3(a)(b) and 4(a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project involves construction of utility extensions and small new structures, minor alterations to land, and new landscaping.

The proposed Project will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project's records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Acting Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Third Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

3/29/2016

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Wicker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

JOHN WICKER

Acting Director

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors